

Senate Scholastic Standards Committee

Minutes 1/21/2025

MS Teams

Co-Chairs: Karen Bresciano, Jamie Kleinman

*Karen Bresciano, Co-Chair, The Graduate School

*Jamie Kleinman, Co-Chair, CLAS (Avery Point)

*Dorothea Anagnostopoulos, Neag School of Education

*Maureen Armstrong, Dean of Students Office

*Kelly Burke, Engineering

*David Embrick, CLAS (Hartford)

*Holly Fitch, CLAS, Psychological Sciences

*Kristen Govoni, CAHNR

*Morty Ortega, CAHNR

*Jennifer Terni, CLAS

*Lawrence Walsh, Office of Admissions

Erin Ciarimboli, Office of Undergraduate Advising

Robin Coulter, School of Business

Sarah Croucher, Provost's Office, Academic Affairs (Ex-Officio Member)

Jennifer Lease Butts, Honors and Enrichment Program

Brian Rockwood, Registrar's Office

Lauren Schlesselman, CETL, Academic Program Assessment and Learning Initiatives

Christine Wenzel, Center for Students with Disabilities

A. **Approval of Minutes:** [December 3, 2024](#) : minutes approved unanimously

B. **Announcements:** Jamie Kleinman summarized the below announcements and opened the floor for questions.

- a. Summer/Winter By-Law Change Proposal Presented to Senate 12/2/24; will come back for a vote at the February Senate meeting
- b. Block Transfer proposal included in the CCC+ Proposal Presented to Senate 12/2/24; will come back for a vote at the February Senate meeting
 - i. Lawrence Walsh added that if the Block Transfer component of the CCC+ omnibus motion is approved, reviewing the degree programs that are transfer ready will be an important next step.

C. Old Business

- a. Lab Transfer Credit (hybrid labs): tabled to a future meeting
- b. Senate By-Laws related to Readmission (Article II, B, 12) to update the language as the university is no longer looking at criminal history (but does look at conduct/discipline). The wording needs to be updated to reflect this policy ([Conduct History Review Committee Policy](#)): Maureen Armstrong brought this to our

attention : Karen Bresciano shared that this will be brought to the SEC at their next meeting with Chairs.

D. New Business

- a. AI Discussion: Jamie Kleinman introduced the topic, sharing that the SEC has asked each Senate committee to discuss AI usage as it pertains to the responsibility of the committee. As this subject has been discussed by this committee earlier this academic year, Jamie Kleinman asked if there was further comment or need for discussion. Sarah Croucher added that the new CETL Director, who should be announced in the next few days, will have a focus on this, and that there has been broader discussion about the potential to have a graduate degree program that includes AI in the title. Discussion ensued and Holly Fitch asked if there were any updates on the actions related to the Academic Integrity committee and related by-law changes that were intended to establish an Office of Academic Integrity, which has yet to come to fruition, and that this Office would be the most appropriate home for policy regarding AI and academics. Discussion ensued and additional concerns regarding the lack of policy clarity surrounding AI in the classroom is a growing concern.
- b. [Strategic Enrollment Management Plan \(SEM\)](#): Karen Bresciano introduced the topic of this committee which has been put together to look at enrollment from a long-term perspective, adding information about the structure (steering committee and advisory committees) as well as some of their memberships. Dorothea Anagnastopoulos and Kristen Govoni, who are members of SEM advisory committees shared their experience thus far in the work of the SEM. Robin Coulter raised concerns about the accuracy of data being used to contribute to this planning process, citing that the data often does not reflect reality, particularly regarding courses. Sarah Croucher recommended that formal feedback on data accuracy come to the administration from the senate to help improve this. A deep discussion ensued and Jamie Kleinman and Karen Bresciano will confer with the SEC.
- c. Sarah Croucher shared that a by-law change request will come soon regarding transfer credits and international students.
- d. Jennifer Terni would like to discuss the attendance policy and some ways to address this at the next meeting.

Tabled until Future Meeting:

- a. Bunched Finals Discussion